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ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA

A DELEGATION FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR D.W. MCDONALD AND THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR W.D.A. TUCKER HELD DISCUSSION IN GUANGZHOU WITH MR WEI LINJI, DIRECTOR OF GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL BUREAU OF WATER CONSERVANCY AND HYDRO-POWER, AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE BUREAU ON THE SUBJECT OF ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY TO HONG KONG.

IT WAS AGREED THAT OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS UNTIL THE START OF THE NEXT SUPPLY PERIOD THE GUANGDONG AUTHORITIES WILL INCREASE THE WATER SUPPLY TO HONG KONG BY APPROXIMATELY 30 PER CENT. THIS IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF WATER THAT CAN BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE GUANGDONG AND HONG KONG SUPPLY SYSTEMS, AND EVEN THIS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY THE AGREEMENT OF THE GUANGDONG BUREAU TO RESTRICT THE SHUTDOWN PERIOD FOR NORMAL MAINTENANCE PURPOSES FROM TWO MONTHS TO ONE MONTH, AND WITH CONSIDERABLE EFFORT BY AND INCONVENIENCE TO THE BUREAU IN ADJUSTING THEIR WORKS PROGRAMMES.

FROM THE START OF THE NEXT SUPPLY PERIOD COMMENCING MAY 1, 1982 UNTIL THE END OF FEBRUARY 1983 THE GUANGDONG AUTHORITIES HAVE ALSO AGREED TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF WATER SUPPLY, AND GIVEN FAVOURABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS, IT IS HOPED THAT AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 20 PER CENT CAN BE ACHIEVED.

THE BUREAU WILL ALSO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ADVANCING THEIR DEVELOPMENT WORKS PROGRAMME TO ALLOW FOR FURTHER SUPPLY INCREASES OVER THE THREE YEARS FOLLOWING THE NEXT SUPPLY PERIOD.

HOWEVER, THESE INCREASES IN WATER SUPPLY WILL NOT MEAN THAT THE CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS CAN BE LIFTED, BUT THEY WILL HELP TO REDUCE THE RISK OF PROLONGED OR MORE RESTRICTIVE WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES.

AS A RESULT OF HIGHER OPERATION AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS, HEAVY INCREASES IN ELECTRICITY CHARGES AND THE NEED TO PUMP MORE WATER FROM THE EAST RIVER SOURCE THAN CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATURAL CATCHMENT AREAS OF THE SHENZHEN RESERVOIR, THE GUANGDONG BUREAU HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO REQUEST AN INCREASE IN THE RATE OF CHARGES FOR THE SUPPLY OF WATER TO HONG KONG. THE NEW RATE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 66 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE CURRENT RATE AND WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM JANUARY 1, 1982.

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TRAFFIC PLANS FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8) FOR THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE TO BE HELD AT THE CENOTAPH, CENTRAL.

THEY ARE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES:

- * CHATER ROAD, BETWEEN PEDDER STREET AND JACKSON ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6 AM TO 12 NOON=
- * JACKSON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON=
- * THE SLIP ROAD OFF CHATER ROAD LEADING TO FURAMA HOTEL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10.30 AM TO 12 NOON=
- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, BETWEEN HARCOURT ROAD AND ICE HOUSE STREET, WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10.30 AM TO 12 NOON= AND
- * THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH EDINBURGH PLACE EAST AND EDINBURGH PLACE WEST, WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10.53 AM TO 12 NOON.

TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS

- * ICE HOUSE STREET, BETWEEN CHATER ROAD AND CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 6 AM TO 12 NOON=
- * CLUB STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 10 AM TO 12 NOON=
- * THE SECTION OF EDINBURGH PLACE EAST OF THE STAR FERRY TAXI STAND AND ITS JUNCTION WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, WILL BE TURNED INTO A TWO-WAY CUL-DE-SAC FROM 10.53 AM TO 12 NOON=
- * EDINBURGH PLACE EAST WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND FROM 10.53 AM TO 12 NOON=
- * WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON HARCOURT ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE COTTON TREE DRIVE, THE FLYOVER, QUEENSWAY, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, BETWEEN 10.30 AM TO 12 NOON= AND
- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EDINBURGH PLACE WEST, PASSING QUEEN'S PIER AND EDINBURGH PLACE EAST BETWEEN 10.53 AM TO 12 NOON.

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FROM MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, TO 12 NOON ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, ALL PARKING SPACES IN JACKSON ROAD AND CLUB STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, MAXICABS AND FLAG CARS, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS IN JACKSON ROAD, CLUB STREET, LAMBETH WALK, EDINBURGH PLACE WEST, EDINBURGH PLACE, QUEEN'S PIER, EDINBURGH PLACE EAST AND CHATER ROAD.

AND FROM MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY TILL 1 PM ON SUNDAY, THERE WILL BE NO PARKING ON THE FIRST FLOOR AND ROOF OF THE STAR FERRY MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK.

FRANCHISED BUS SERVICES

BETWEEN 6 AM AND 12 NOON, A NUMBER OF CMB BUS SERVICES WILL BE RE-ROUTED.

THEY ARE:

CMB ROUTES 1, 2, 6, 11, 15, 25, 61 AND 260, AFTER LEAVING THEIR RESPECTIVE BUS TERMINI IN CENTRAL, WILL OPERATE ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL (EASTBOUND), THEN U-TURN INTO CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL (WESTBOUND), POTTINGER STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, QUEENSWAY AND RESUME NORMAL ROUTINGS.

CMB ROUTES 3, 12, 12A, AFTER LEAVING THEIR RESPECTIVE BUS TERMINI IN CENTRAL, WILL OPERATE ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL (EASTBOUND), THEN U-TURN INTO CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL (WESTBOUND), POTTINGER STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, QUEENSWAY, ADMIRALTY MTR STATION (WEST), COTTON TREE DRIVE SLIP ROAD AND THEN RESUME NORMAL.

CMB ROUTES 23A, 24 AND 40M WILL OPERATE VIA ARBUTHNOT ROAD, WYNDHAM STREET, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, GARDEN ROAD, THE FLYOVER, QUEENSWAY AND THEN RESUME NORMAL.

CMB ROUTE 23B WILL OPERATE STRAIGHT DOWN GARDEN ROAD, THE FLYOVER, QUEENSWAY AND THEN RESUME NORMAL.

CMB ROUTES 5B, 10 AND 20 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, INSTEAD OF CHATER ROAD.

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WESTBOUND BUSES ON CMB ROUTES 1 AND 2 WILL OPERATE ALONG HENNESSY ROAD, QUEENSWAY, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, AND THEN RESUME NORMAL.

WESTBOUND BUSES ON CMB ROUTE 24 WILL OPERATE ALONG GLOUCESTER ROAD, FENWICK STREET, HENNESSY ROAD, QUEENSWAY, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, AND THEN RESUME NORMAL.

HONG KONG-BOUND CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL BUS ROUTE 103 WILL OPERATE VIA QUEENSWAY, COTTON TREE DRIVE AND THEN RESUME NORMAL. ROUTE 200 WILL BE DIVERTED VIA QUEENSWAY, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, PEDDER STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, AND TERMINATE AT THE CENTRAL BUS STATION.

THE KOWLOON-BOUND SERVICE OF ROUTE 103 WILL OPERATE STRAIGHT DOWN GARDEN ROAD, THE FLYOVER, QUEENSWAY AND THEN RESUME NORMAL.

AIRPORT COACH NO. 200, AFTER LEAVING THE CENTRAL BUS STATION, WILL OPERATE VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL (EASTBOUND), U-TURN INTO CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL (WESTBOUND), POTTINGER STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, QUEENSWAY AND THEN RESUME NORMAL.

BETWEEN 10 AM AND 12 NOON CMB ROUTES 5M AND 70M WILL TERMINATE AT DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, OUTSIDE STATUE SQUARE (AT THE BUS STOP BEING OBSERVED BY ROUTES 104 AND 105). THEY WILL THEN OPERATE VIA DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, QUEENSWAY, ADMIRALTY MTR STATION (WEST), COTTON TREE DRIVE SLIP ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, THE FLYOVER, QUEENSWAY, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, AND THEN RESUME NORMAL.

MAXICAB SERVICES

BETWEEN MIDNIGHT ON NOVEMBER 7 AND 12 NOON ON NOVEMBER 8, THE MAXICAB TERMINI AT EDINBURGH PLACE EAST (HMS) TAMAR WILL BE SUSPENDED AND MAXICAB ROUTES 1, 2, AND 3 WILL TERMINATE AT LAMBETH WALK.

MAXICAB ROUTES 8, 9, AND 22, AFTER DEPARTING FROM THEIR TERMINI AT STAR FERRY, WILL BE DIVERTED NORTH TO QUEEN'S PIER BETWEEN 10.53 AM AND 12 NOON.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP AND POLICE WILL BE ON DUTY TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS

TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE DANGEROUS GOODS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS CAME INTO EFFECT TODAY FOLLOWING THEIR PUBLICATION IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE FIRST AMENDMENT DEALS WITH A GAS USED IN A NEW PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS FOR SEMI-CONDUCTORS.

ARSINE, A PROHIBITED GAS, IS AN ESSENTIAL SUBSTANCE FOR THE WATER FABRICATION PROCESS AND CANNOT BE SUBSTITUTED BY ANY OTHER GAS.

AS THE USE OF THE NEW PROCESS WOULD RESULT IN THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE HIGH TECHNOLOGY INTO HONG KONG, AND ENABLE THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR TO DIVERSIFY INTO NEW PRODUCT LINES, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO PERMIT ARSINE TO BE IMPORTED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR LICENCES TO BE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, WHO WILL ENFORCE STRINGENT SAFETY CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE IMPORT, STORAGE AND USE OF ARSINE BY THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS SIMPLY A TIDYING UP EXERCISE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT A LICENCE IS REQUIRED FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN DANGEROUS GOODS BY SEA.

THE ORIGINAL WORDING OF THE REGULATIONS IMPLIED THAT AS A LICENCE WAS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF THESE DANGEROUS GOODS BY LAND, THEIR CONVEYANCE BY SEA WAS ALSO EXEMPT FROM THE LICENSING REQUIREMENT.

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SCHOOL SPONSORS PRAISED

NINE YEARS OF FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION OF AIDED SCHOOL SPONSORS AND SCHOOL AUTHORITIES, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE HONG KONG SUBSIDISED SECONDARY SCHOOLS COUNCIL.

IN A TRIBUTE TO THE COUNCIL, MR HAYE NOTED THAT MEMBERSHIP HAD RISEN FROM 84 SCHOOLS TO 184 SCHOOLS IN THE LAST DECADE.

+AT TODAY'S PRICES THAT REPRESENTS A MASSIVE CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN EDUCATION OF NEARLY \$2 000 MILLION, WHICH IS REMARKABLE BY ANY STANDARDS.+

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NOTING THAT THE RAPID EXPANSION OF THE AIDED SECTOR WAS IN THE DIRECT LINE OF GOVERNMENT POLICY, MR HAYE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WAS ONLY RIGHT AND PROPER THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG SHOULD BE HELPED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO HELP THEMSELVES.

+THIS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY SOME OF OUR CRITICS AS AN ABDICATION OF RESPONSIBILITY, BUT IT IS THE QUICKEST, MOST ECONOMICAL, AND EFFECTIVE MANNER IN WHICH WE CAN EXPAND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MOST PEOPLE.+

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TRADE GROUP SEEKS TSUEN WAN SCHOOL SITE

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THE TSUEN WAN TRADE ASSOCIATION WISHES TO OBTAIN A SITE TO BUILD A SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT, THE TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

+WE SHALL BE LOOKING INTO THE POSITION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE TSUEN WAN PROJECT MANAGER TO SEE WHAT THE PROSPECTS ARE,+ HE SAID.

DR HAYES WAS SPEAKING AT THE 42ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE INAUGURATION OF ITS FIFTH TERM OFFICE-BEARERS.

HE ALSO PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION'S WORK ON BEHALF OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, TO WHICH IT HAD PROVIDED ALL KINDS OF SERVICES OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS, AND STRESSED THAT THE NEED FOR ITS ASSISTANCE TO HIS OFFICE AND THE TOWN WAS GREATER THAN EVER.

EARLIER, THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW KWAN-SHING, SPOKE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S AIMS.

THE ASSOCIATION, HE SAID, HAD OPERATED A FREE NIGHT SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT BETWEEN 1955 AND 1966, AND SINCE THEN IT HAD BEEN PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO NEEDY STUDENTS.

+WE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO CONTINUE OUR AIM OF PROMOTING EDUCATION, BUT WE HOPE WE CAN BE PROVIDED WITH SOME FINANCIAL AID AND A SITE FOR A SCHOOL PREMISES,+ HE SAID.

MR CHOW SAID IF THEY WERE ABLE TO SOLICIT ALL THE NECESSARY HELP, AND OBTAIN SUPPORT FROM THE AUTHORITIES, THE SCHOOL COULD BE READY IN THREE TO FOUR YEARS.

TWENTY-EIGHT EXECUTIVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN AND TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN, WERE SWORN IN FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

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NEW ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE SETS PATTERN

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THE NEW TAI WO HAU ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE IS THE FIRST TO BE BUILT HERE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A NEW DESIGN AGREED IN 1977, SETTING THE PATTERN FOR FUTURE ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRES, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

IN THE PAST, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OPERATED A NUMBER OF ESTATE WELFARE BUILDINGS AIMED AT PROVIDING CO-ORDINATED WELFARE SERVICES UNDER ONE ROOF.

+WITH THE GROWING NEED TO FOSTER BETTER COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS, THE DEPARTMENT FOUND THAT THE OLD-TYPE ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING, BUILT AFTER THE FASHION OF AN ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOL, COULD NOT COPE ADEQUATELY WITH COMMUNITY DEMANDS,+ MR ALLEYNE SAID.

WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS +A FOCAL POINT WHERE LOCAL PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS CAN MEET AND PLAN TOGETHER PROGRAMMES, FUNCTIONS AND PROJECTS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE AREA WHERE THEY LIVE.+

TO MEET SUCH NEEDS, ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE BUILDINGS WERE PLANNED TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR CONFERENCES, RECREATION, READING AND SELF-STUDY, INTEREST GROUPS, CHILD CARE SERVICES AND SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE HANDICAPPED.

MR ALLEYNE DESCRIBED THE SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE NEW CENTRE AS +A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE JOINT EFFORTS OF BOTH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE GOVERNMENT+.

HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE TEAM SPIRIT WOULD CARRY ON SO THAT VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS THE COMMON GOAL OF BETTER SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

THE TAI WO HAU ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BUILT ON AN 800-SQUARE-METRE SITE, SERVES MORE THAN 70 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE ESTATE AND IN NEIGHBOURING KWAI CHUNG.

ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND IN AN ANNEX TO THE MAIN BUILDING IS A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL LARGE ENOUGH FOR MASS FUNCTIONS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE MAIN BUILDING ITSELF HAS SIX FLOORS WHERE A VARIETY OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED, INCLUDING A GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK UNIT, A SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, A CHILD AND YOUTH CENTRE, A READING AND SELF-STUDY ROOM, A YOUTH CENTRE FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND A NURSERY.

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HK YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND FESTIVAL STARTS TOMORROW
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THE FOURTH HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND FESTIVAL -- ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH TOM LEE MUSIC FOUNDATION -- WILL START TOMORROW MORNING.

A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR WONG LAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT STATUE SQUARE AT THE JUNCTION OF CHATER AND CONNAUGHT ROADS, AT 11 AM.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, THERE WILL BE A LION DANCE PERFORMING TO THE RHYTHM OF A 15-PIECE BAND MUSIC.

A SHORT CONCERT WILL ALSO BE GIVEN BY THE BAND ON THE TOP OF AN OPEN DOUBLE-DECK BUS.

THIRTY MINUTES LATER, THE SAME BAND WILL BE PERFORMING AT SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND FOR AN HOUR FOLLOWED BY A SHOW AT VICTORIA PARK.

AT 2.30 PM, THE BAND WILL STAGE ITS FIRST KOWLOON CONCERT, AT THE CONCOURSE OF THE SPACE MUSEUM IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

SUBSEQUENT PERFORMANCES WILL BE GIVEN AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND AND AT KOWLOON PARK.

ON SUNDAY, PEOPLE VISITING THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TREATED TO A PROMENADE CONCERT AT FANLING PLAYGROUND.

POP AND CLASSICAL MUSIC WILL REVERBERATE IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS AS MORE THAN 10 BANDS ARE SCHEDULED TO PERFORM ENMASSE.

THEY CONSIST OF MORE THAN 350 PLAYERS FROM 10 SCHOOL BANDS AND YOUTH BANDS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MUSIC OFFICE. THE FIRST AND SECOND GURKHA RIFLES BAND WILL ALSO GIVE A CONCERT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BAND FESTIVAL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT STATUE SQUARE AT 11 AM AND THE PROMENADE CONCERT ON SUNDAY STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

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KITE-FLYING DANGER TO PLANES STRESSED
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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT COMMUNITY LEADERS TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO HAVE A LOOK AT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL WORK IN CONNECTION WITH A MONTH-LONG SAFE-KITE-FLYING CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED JOINTLY BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, KOWLOON CITY, THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY MRS CLARIE LO, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KOWLOON CITY), THE TEN MEMBERS OF THE TO KWA WAN NORTH AND SOUTH AREA COMMITTEES WERE RECEIVED AT THE AIRPORT BY MR PETER LOK, AIR TRAFFIC GENERAL MANAGER, CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

THEY TOURED THE CONTROL TOWER AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE AND SAW HOW AIRCRAFT WERE GUIDED IN AND OUT OF HONG KONG.

THE VISITORS WERE BRIEFED ON THE BASIC RULES FOR THE SAFE OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT AND ON REGULATIONS GOVERNING KITE-FLYING. THE POTENTIAL DANGER OF KITE-FLYING, PARTICULARLY WHEN AIRCRAFT ARE IN THEIR FINAL APPROACH TO THE AIRPORT, WAS STRESSED AT THE MEETING.

THREE MORE GROUPS OF AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM HUNG HOM, HO MAN TIN, SAI TAU, KOWLOON CITY, KOWLOON TONG AND MA TAU WEI WILL BE MAKING SIMILAR VISITS TO THE AIRPORT BEFORE THE CAMPAIGN ENDS IN LATE NOVEMBER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT, THROUGH THEIR COMMUNITY LEADERS, RESIDENTS WOULD REALISE THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF KITE-FLYING TO AVIATION SAFETY AND WOULD NOT ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN TO FLY KITES NEAR THE AIRPORT.

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RECLAMATION WORK AT BAY

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RECLAMATION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT LEI YUE MUN BAY TO YIELD ABOUT 16 HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHAI WAN DEPOT OF THE MTR ISLAND LINE.

WORK ON THE PROJECT TO FACILITATE THE DISPOSAL OF SPOIL FROM RAILWAY WORKS ON THE ISLAND LINE, WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND BE CARRIED OUT IN STAGES.

NO PRIVATE LAND IS AFFECTED. HOWEVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHOSE PRIVATE RIGHTS MAY BE EXTINGUISHED BY THE RECLAMATION IS ENTITLED TO SUBMIT A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM TODAY (FRIDAY).

A COPY OF THE PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, C.G.O. WEST WING- THE PWD HEADQUARTERS, MURRAY BUILDING, 19/F, GARDEN ROAD AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN) 884-886, KING'S ROAD BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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NEW OFFICE OPENED BY LABOUR JOB SERVICE

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ANOTHER BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT TSZ WAN SHAN, KOWLOON, AT 3 PM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 9).

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON, AND THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SAN PO KONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG HOK-NIN AND MR YIU CHUNG-LAP RESPECTIVELY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW OFFICE WAS ANOTHER STEP IN IMPROVING THE LES'S SERVICE BY PROVIDING WIDER COVERAGE.

THE OFFICE, LOCATED AT UNITS 1-4 AND 37-40, LOK ON HOUSE, TSZ LOK ESTATE, TSZ WAN SHAN WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING SAN PO KONG OFFICE TO SERVE THE TSZ WAN SHAN AND PART OF THE WONG TAI SIN AREAS, WHICH HAVE A COMBINED POPULATION OF ABOUT 250 000.

THE NEW OFFICE IS COMPLETE WITH DISPLAY FACILITIES TO ENABLE JOB SEEKERS TO MAKE THEIR OWN PRELIMINARY SELECTION OF JOBS.

IT IS ALSO LINKED UP WITH 14 OTHER BRANCH OFFICES BY A FACSIMILE SYSTEM, PROVIDING AN EFFICIENT AND SPEEDY MEANS OF DISSEMINATING VACANCY INFORMATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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